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In re Application of

J. Bradley Phipps et al

Serial No. : 08/952,368

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For

: November 17, 1997

: Electrotransport Agent Delivery

Method and Apparatus

: DECISION ON PETITION

TO WITHDRAW **HOLDING OF**

ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on petitioner's request filed January 10, 2001 to review the holding of abandonment mailed November 27, 2000 for failure to respond to the Office action mailed July 28, 1999. There is no fee required for this petition.

In support of the request, petitioner has submitted a copy of a response, a copy of a three-month extension of time request, and a copy of a PTO stamped receipt dated February 7, 2000 (certificate of mailing dated January 28, 2000). It is noted that the original response has been found and is now in the file. Any inconvenience is respectfully regretted.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed November 27, 2000 is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. Upon the mailing of this decision, the application will be forwarded to the Examiner via the Legal Instruments Examiner for entry and consideration of the response filed February 7, 2000.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.

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